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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/708,770	<b>Applicant(s)</b> STEELE ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Emmanuel S. Luk	<b>Art Unit</b> 1722	

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 April 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 4, 6-9, 11-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 8,9 and 11-18 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4,6 and 7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

2. Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Takao (2005/0042322).

Takao teaches the ejector assembly with stationary members (20,23), ejector plate (26), core blade lifter (28a) having a lifter rod (28) and stationary helper pin (38) parallel to the lifter rod and the helper pin anchored (40,43) to the first and secondary stationary members, the rod carrier (33) for pivotally mounting the lifter rod to the lifter foot assembly, and adjustment fastener (Fig. 7, Fig. 8, Fig. 9, Fig. 10, Fig. 11). The guide bushes (35, 36) have variable angles and as such, the angle of the lifter rod is capable of being up to 15 or 20 degrees.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

3. Claim 8, 9, and 11-18 are allowed.
4. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The prior art of record fails to teach a universal lifter foot assembly with the pair of removable gib plates with camming surfaces defined along the gib plates and carrier assembly that is slidable with respect with the camming surfaces.

***Response to Arguments***

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 2, 4, 6, and 7 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. The claims are rejected with reference Takao (2005/0042322) that includes the adjustment fastener for the lifter rod.

***Conclusion***

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Emmanuel S. Luk whose telephone number is (571) 272-1134. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 8 to 5 and alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yogendra N. Gupta can be reached on (571) 272-1316. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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